

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS MONTH

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), more than 90,000 people are waiting for organ transplants nationally and more than 2,000 of those people are in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the UNOS, there is a severe shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, according to UNOS more than 6,000 people will die each year while waiting for a transplant due to this shortage of organ donors; and

WHEREAS, according to Carolina Donor Services, research shows that sixty-two percent of North Carolinians (in seventy-eight counties) are aware of donation, yet only twenty-two percent of these respondents have discussed their wishes with their family; and

WHEREAS, dispelling facts and myths about donation is key to making an informed decision about becoming a donor; and

WHEREAS, each donor can save up to eight lives and enhance the lives of up to fifty people through donation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are encouraged to get the facts about donation and discuss their wishes with their families, and if they decide to become donors, sign a legal donor card and put the heart on their license;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2006, as "ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina and encourage our citizens.



*Mike Easley*  
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WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at Raleigh this sixteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.